Hill Leaders Ask Inquiry in Slaying of King

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Democratic Senate and House leaders called yesterday for congressional inquiries into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Democratic Whip Robert C. Byrd (W.Va.) urged the Senate intelligence committee to conduct a "thorough review" of the original FBI investigation of King's death.

Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.) said the House Judiciary Committee should conduct an investigation because of the "shocking and confirmed" disclosure that the FBI had attempted to discredit King. Burton is chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.